

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Community Springs Healthcare Facility in El Dorado Springs, Missouri, which will be honored for achieving “Star Status” in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program during a special ceremony to be held November 25, 2003; and

Whereas, guest speakers for the momentous event include John Henshaw, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor - OSHA, Charles Adkins, U.S. Department of Labor Regional Administrator, and the Honorable Gene Floyd, Mayor of the City of Eldorado Springs; and

Whereas, the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is designed to recognize and promote effective employee safety and health program management; and

Whereas, the VPP concept recognizes that objectives of the Occupational Safety and Health Act can never be fully achieved by enforcement alone, and that safety and health management programs that go beyond OSHA standards can protect workers more effectively; and

Whereas, through the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA have established cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented strong programs; and

Whereas, some of the benefits of participating in the VPP include improved employee motivation to work safely, reduced workers’ compensation and other injury and illness-related costs, positive community recognition and interaction, and partnership with OSHA, just to name a few; and

Whereas, by participating in the VPP, Community Springs Healthcare Facility has demonstrated to its employees and to the El Dorado Springs community that it is a leader in safety and health, and has successfully implemented a high quality program; and

Whereas, one of seven skilled nursing facilities in the United States to receive the VPP honor, Community Springs Healthcare Facility is an affiliate of Citizens Memorial Healthcare in Bolivar, which has long distinguished itself as a center of excellence delivering superior healthcare services provided by skilled physicians and caring staff in exceptional facilities to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Southwest Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to all the dedicated administrators and employees of Community Springs Healthcare Facility at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Community Springs Healthcare Facility in El Dorado Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronnie Miller
District No. 133

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 4716, adopted
November 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker